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SUBJECT: SADAT TRIAL

REF: BAGHDAD 1587

1. RECONVENING OF SADAT'S TRIAL HAS BEEN SET FOR
NOVEMBER 19, VICE SEPTEMBER 19 AS REPORTED REFTTEL. COURT
PRESIDENT SULTAN ABDUL QADIR AS STRESSED THAT ADJOURNMENT
REFLECTED LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS, BECAUSE THE DEFENSE CALLED
FOR POSTPONEMENT IN ORDER TO HAVE TIME TO STUDY THE CHARGES.
(THE FAILURE OF EGYPT AND ITS BAR ASSOCIATION TO NOMINATE
A DEFENSE ATTORNEY NECESSITATED A COURT APPOINTMENT AT
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THE LAST MINUTE.)

2. IN REPLY TO NEWSMEN'S QUESTIONS, ABDUL QADIR
ADMITTED THAT THE COURT IS NON-CONVENTIONAL AND THAT
IT'S VIRDICT WOULD BE ESSENTIALLY A MORAL ONE. THE
COURT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH CARRYING OUT THE VIRDICT,
WHICH WOULD BE LEFT TO THE ARAB PEOPLE.

3. PRESS REPORTS QUOTE THE PROSECUTOR AS STATING THAT SECRET DOCUMENTS WILL BE SUBMITTED AND MANY WITNESSES WILL PRESENT EVIDENCE AT THE NEXT SESSION. HE RENEWED THE CALL FOR INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS TO COME FORWARD WITH ANY INFORMATION THEY MAY HAVE ON SADAT'S TREACHERY.

4. COMMENT: MAYBE THE WHOLE THING WILL GO AWAY BY NOVEMBER. EVEN THE IRAQIS CANNOT BE TOO COMFORTABLE WITH THIS FARCE. ON THE OTHER HAND, AND THIS IS PERHAPS THE ONLY SERIOUS ASPECT, SADAT IS ON TRIAL FOR HIGH TREASON, FOR WHICH THE PENALTY IS DEATH (ALTHOUGH LOSS OF ARAB AND EGYPTIAN CITIZENSHIP IS WHAT THE PRESS IS NOW TALKING ABOUT). CALLING ON THE ARAB PEOPLE TO CARRY OUT THE VERDICT IS (ANOTHER) INVITATION, LEGALLY JUSTIFIED TO ASSASSINATION.
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